

## AMONG THE CHURCHES.

By the solicitation of brother A. D. Gnágey, I left home Feb. 12, for a canvass of the churches for the purpose of increasing the circulation of the EVANGELIST and to raise money for the Book and Tract Work. Our first point was Pittsburg. We were welcomed very warmly by brother and sister Bole who cared for us while we remained in the city. The next day being Sunday, we were invited to preach for the first Brethren church by Brother Bole, which we did both morning and evening. This being our first effort in so large a city as Pittsburg, we felt a little timid, but our good brethren soon drove away the chill, when the orchestra broke forth in hallowed tones to the praise of our heavenly Father. The orchestra is composed of organ, two clarionets, violin and horn, with a very strong accompaniment of voices. We were made to wonder why the church in Pittsburg, was so far ahead of so many places in the brotherhood, but after preaching for them twice, and attending their Sunday-school again in the afternoon and going out to a suburb six miles to listen to Brother Bole preach, we learned that their leader was a worker, and that every member of the Pittsburg church was expected and required to be a worker, which we found to our great pleasure. When we spoke to Brother Bole about the canvass for the EVANGELIST, he told us that every family in the church was taking the paper, so that cut that part of our work short, but I stayed and preached for them until Wednesday evening, and they gave me a nice donation for the Tract work. I left them Feb. 21, for Mt. Pleasant, where I arrived the same day and went to the home of brother M. C. Meyers. Here we found ourselves in the heart of the great coke industry. There are said to be several thousand ovens around Mt. Pleasant. Brother W. Murrey is pastor in charge with brother M. C. Meyers as assistant. Brother Murrey was just recovering from an attack of the "grip" and our people are just ending a long lay off by the strike and I found money scarce. I preached three sermons for them, received a small donation and four subscriptions.

I left on February 26 for Meyersdale, where I arrived at 7 P. M. We put up at the home of Dr. Beachley. I had contracted a very bad cold and the doctor afforded us great relief by administering a few doses of his very excellent antipain remedy and cough syrup. There I found no pastor as this was the home of Brother Gnágey. They have since secured the services of Brother Mackey, who took charge April 1. Our canvass was made

very pleasant at this place by the assistance of the local agent, J. M. Olinger, and at Summit Mills by brother J. A. Miller. Although there were quite a number taking the paper, I secured twenty-six subscriptions and a small donation. I preached only once at this place on account of my cold.

I closed the work at this place after enjoying the very kind hospitality and excellent music of the good brethren. March 6, I left for Berlin. Arrived there the same day and found Brother and Sister Knepper had gone to prayer-meeting, but we were royally entertained by their daughter. There I found the snowbanks ten feet high and had to abandon the work as Brother Knepper had not been able to fill his appointments for two weeks. So I departed for the city of Johnstown the next day. At the home of brother Daniel Crofford we were soon made very welcome by all the family. I went out to take a view of the city, of which we had heard and read so much. I was not surprised to detect any marks of the great flood that had swept away a great part of the city, except the marks of mud on the buildings to a height of fifteen feet. There we found a very warm-hearted and sociable class of live brethren, under the very efficient leadership of Brother Haskins as pastor. Brother Trent, superintendent, Sister Cobaugh as president of the S. S. C. E. It was our pleasure to attend sessions of these departments of church work. We preached for them four times, including once at Moxam where they have a lively branch of the Johnstown church, and can testify to the good attendance, and excellent music, and the royal entertainment we received, and the substantial assistance of Brother Haskins in securing subscribers. When I was just getting in good shape to work, I received word from home that they were nearly all sick and wanted us to come home, so on March 14, I very hurriedly started for home, where we arrived on the 16th, and found all better, for which we felt very thankful.

This being our first trip, the kind treatment and warm welcome of the brethren everywhere made our work very pleasant and agreeable, although money matters were very close. To one and all, we tender our heartfelt thanks, and especially those with whom we made our home. May the richest blessings of the heavenly Father be bestowed upon you all. On account of sickness in our family, and the work on the farm, I have not been able to continue the work, but expect to so arrange my affairs that I can begin after harvest, and push the work to completion.

ISAAC ROSS.

## FROM NORTH GEORGETOWN, OHIO.

Pursuant to announcement, our meeting began at this place May 21, and closed on Sabbath evening, May 26, with communion services. We had splendid meetings. The power of God was felt among us during this short series of meetings. The members were greatly encouraged, others are counting the cost and are rapidly learning, and are almost constrained to say like one of old, "thou almost persuaded me to be a christian." Brother Kimmel preached an able sermon on the doctrine of feet washing, and also on baptism. It was like gall and worm wood to some of our people who hold to sprinkling as the true mode of baptism, basing their argument on the Ezekiel 25:36; Isaiah 53:15. Brother Kimmel took the language of Ezekiel, "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you." He showed in concise language that those prophecies had no reference to baptism at all. The immediate result of our meeting was two additions, one young and intelligent man was baptized, and one sister came some twenty miles to be taken in our church. She was a G. B. Our communion was the grandest of all. Over sixty being seated around the Lord's table. Good order prevailed, showing that the Lord was indeed with us. Membership of the church to date, 79 having lost 1 by death and 2 were reclaimed by the G. B. church. Church every three weeks. Sunday-school each Sabbath morning. Sister Grossnickle organized a Christian Endeavor society here, with 24 members, which we hope will be a great help to the church.

G. A. RUFF.

June 1.

## FROM CRETON, N. J.

Brother I. D. Bowman of Philadelphia, Pa., was with us last week. Came on Tuesday and preached three evenings for us. We now have a little band here, and prospects for growing. We are talking of building a church in the near future. Brother Bowman preaches for us every four weeks, and we feel assured the Gospel alone doctrine will win, for "*The Gospel is the power of God.*"

Fraternally,

A. S. CHAMBERLAIN.

"THE humblest and most independent man upon the earth is the man who knows God answers his prayers. Such an one is not moved by the 'say-so' of men; in fact, he does not rise or fall on the tide of human events but stands upon the Omnipotent arm."